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Georgia Municipal Association Policy Opposes Annexing Territory of Existing Cities.

The Georgia Municipal Association has formally come out against taking land from an established city to form another, four months after Gov. Nathan Deal <u>signed legislation</u> allowing Eagle's Landing to seek cityhood by taking half of Stockbridge.

The group's Legislative Policy Council earlier this month <u>adopted a policy</u> stating its support for citizens seeking more responsive representation, but said "portions of existing municipalities should not be de-annexed to create municipalities."

The issue has been central to the <u>debate</u> over the desire of the Eagle's Landing community to become Henry County's fifth city. After being given the go ahead from the Legislature and Deal earlier this year to hold a referendum, Henry voters will decide Nov. 6 whether to approve deannexing about half of Stockbridge and combining the territory with parts of unincorporated Henry to form the new city.

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